MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : When funds are available.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know why funds have not been allotted for the work, even though the estimate was sanctioned three years ago ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : A certain portion of the work was completed, and, for the remaining, funds are necessary.

MR. S. J NAIR (*Nedumangad*) May I know whether there is any provision in the budget for 1112 for this work ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The hon'ble member can refer to the budget as well as I.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : The hon'ble Member said that provision is made in his draft budget.

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I think that it has been cut out for financial considerations.

The Kallara-Aruvipuram trace.

40. ❋ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have got the estimate for the conversion of the Kallara—Aruvipuram trace into a cart road ;

(*b*) the amount of the estimate ;

(*c*) whether administrative sanction has been accorded to the estimate ;

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that the trace is a very important trace in the taluk ; and

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that the demand to convert the above trace into a cart road has been continuously and persistently made for nine years ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes.

MR. S J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : With reference to part (*e*) of the question, may I know the result of the demand made, by the people as well as their representative, for the opening of the road during the last nine years ?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : There are two traces, the Nagaroor trace and the Kallara-Aruvipuram trace. An estimate was sanctioned in November 1930 for the Nagaroor trace. As far as the Kallara-Aruvipuram trace is concerned, Government have sanctioned that to be constructed as a ryots' road.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Sir, I have nothing to ask about the Nagaroor trace My question relates to the Kallara-Aruvipuram

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trace. May I inform the member that the demand of the public as well as their representative was to the effect that the trace should be converted into a road by Government and not under the Ryots' Roads Rules?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The instructions of the Government were that it should be converted as a road under the Ryots' Roads Rules.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is any allotment in the current year's budget for the construction of culverts on that road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is any budget allotment in the coming year's budget?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The honourable member can refer to the budget as well as I.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I submit that the answer that was given to me by the Chief Engineer is wrong. In the printed budgets for 1111 and for 1112, the allotment is for the conversion of the Kallara-Aruvipuram trace into a cart road and not for its conversion as a ryots' road under the Ryots' Roads Rules.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I submit that the answer given by the Chief Engineer is correct,

PRESIDENT: Any more questions, Mr. Nair?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): For the information of the House, I wish just to point out that the answer given is wrong.

At page 21 of the Budget Estimate for 1112, under "Part II—New Works", item 124, an allotment of Rs. 1,000 is made for "converting the Kallara-Aruvipuram trace into a cart road." The same provision was made in the last year's budget also. The wording is "converting the trace into a cart road."

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is simply the heading of the reference to Government.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the honourable member for Nedumangad has not persuaded the ryots to cut through $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road and to surrender land free of compensation to the width of 22 feet?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The honourable member for Nedumangad showed me the trace some time ago. The trees have been cut down. That is all that has been done. Under the Ryots' Roads Rules, the road has to be cut. Then only the maintenance will be taken up by the Department. The road has not yet been taken over by Government.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): The Chief Engineer has written to me a letter asking me to persuade the people to surrender the land free of compensation. But in that letter he has not made any mention

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[Mr. S. J. Nair.]

that we should cut the road. We have cut down several trees; 1,000 cocoanut palms, jack trees, and mango trees have been cut down and several buildings have been demolished. In spite of that, even though a personal representation was made to the Chief Engineer, and even though there is an allotment of Rs. 1,000 in the budget, nothing has been done.

PRESIDENT: What is the speech about?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): A statement, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Statements are not allowed on supplementary questions.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What I say is that the answer of the Chief Engineer is incorrect. The Chief Engineer has not done anything.

PRESIDENT: The Chief Engineer merely draws your attention to the rules regulating the construction of certain roads. He points out that one of the rules is that the road must be cut by the people When an allotment is made for a definite purpose, it must be understood that the allotment is to be used only subject to the rules. Any more questions?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government will be pleased to construct the road as per the allotment made in the current year's budget as well as in the coming year's budget at the instance of Government and not under the Ryots' Roads Rules because the people have surrendered the land?

PRESIDENT: That is a question for future action.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government will see that the money allotted in the budget will be expended?

PRESIDENT: Is that a question? The allotment is for expenditure next year. If it is not spent next year, your turn will come then and you can ask then why it was not spent. Anticipatory questions are not allowed. Next question please, Mr. S. J. Nair.

Minor Irrigation Works in the Nedumangad taluk.

41. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the work the Minor Irrigation Department has executed in the Nedumangad taluk in the years 1110 and 1111 up to 16-10-1111 M. E.;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the *chiras*, *kulams* and *todus* useful for paddy cultivation in the Nedumangad taluk are all completely neglected;

(*c*) the *chiras*, *kulams* and *todus* useful for paddy cultivation in the Nedumangad taluk; and

(*d*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a complete *pakuthi*-war list of *kulams*, *chiras* and *todus* that exist in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) A * list is placed on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix.

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